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Travelling allowance to witnesses summoned by the Fisheries Committee.

* 74 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any, and if so, what travelling allowances to members of the Fisheries Committee during their tour ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the non-official witnesses were not given any travelling or halting allowances, and if so, for what reasons ;

(c) how many official and non-official witnesses residing outside Madras or Calicut and their suburbs invited to give evidence at Madras or Calicut refused or were unable to attend and how many of such witnesses did attend for giving evidence at Madras or at Calicut ;

(d) whether any of the official witnesses drew travelling and daily allowance, and if so, at what rate ; and

(e) if the answer to clause (d) is in the affirmative, why Government refused to grant travelling allowance to non-official witnesses that came to give evidence in similar circumstances ?

A.—(a) Railway fare—One first class and one third class.
Daily allowance—Rs. 7-8-0.
Mileage—Annas 12.

(b) Yes. Decision to appoint the Committee was taken only after the budget was framed and there were no funds available for this purpose in the budget. The Government wished to keep the expenses on account of this Committee at a minimum.

(c) Twenty-one non-official witnesses did not appear before the Committee while fourteen did. Eight officials also appeared and gave evidence.

(d) All the official witnesses drew travelling and other allowances according to the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules.

(e) Please see answer to clause (b). It was possible to meet the expenses of the officials from sanctioned appropriations.

Industries

Industrial and Trades schools started by Government since 1920.

* 75 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many Industrial and Trades schools have been started since the year 1920 and the places where these schools are located ;

(b) the amounts sanctioned annually for the maintenance of these schools ;

(c) whether there are any Industrial and Trades schools in Telugu districts or districts north of Madras ;

(d) whether any investigation was made by the Development Department during the years 1920—1928 with a view to open new Industrial and Trades schools ;

(e) whether an investigation will be made into the industrial conditions in the Telugu districts with a view to open Industrial and Trades schools ; and

(f) whether the Government have any report on or reasons for not opening any Industrial school and Trades school in any centre in the Telugu districts ?